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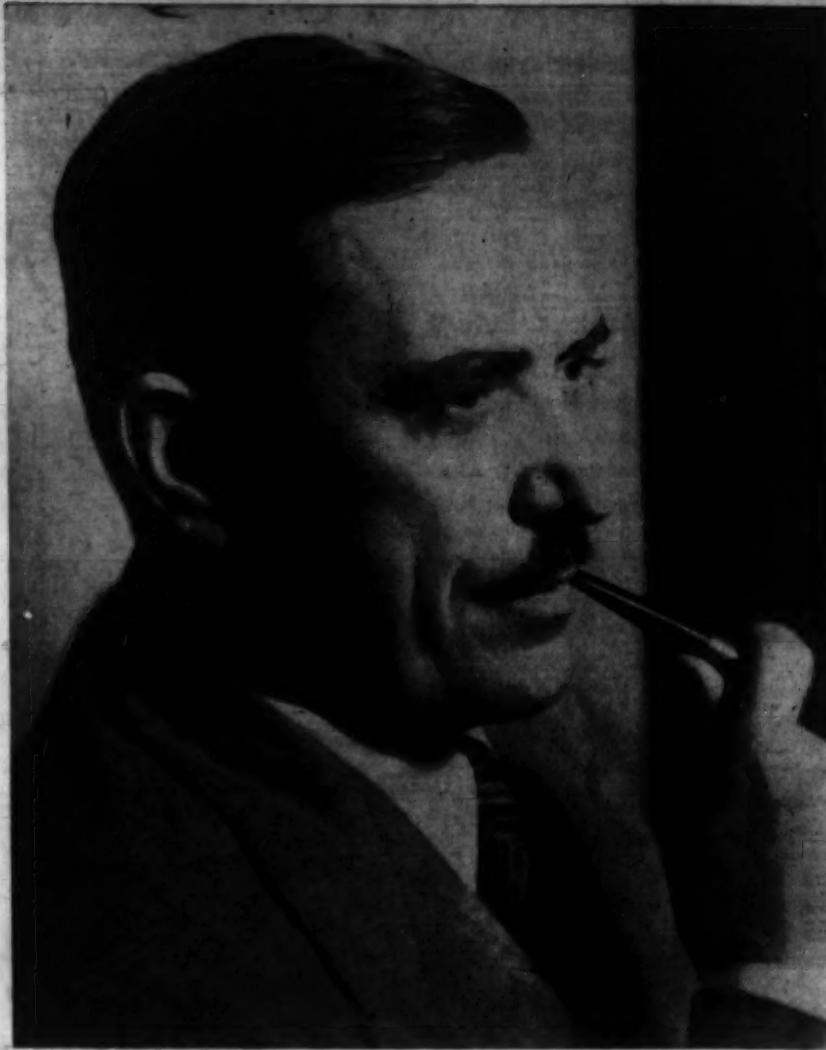
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EARL BROWDER

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMEMBER... AN EDITORIAL

FROM coast to coast expressions of protest have poured in, even at this early hour against the Supreme Court "conviction" of Earl Browder.

Coming from every city of any size, these have likewise been expressions of admiration and love for Browder and the services he has rendered the working class and the cause of peace.

These wires ring with the indignation of people whose sense of American justice has been outraged. In paying this heartfelt tribute to Browder, they voice their scorn at all forces of reaction who have sought to silence him. Those agencies of war and hatred want to make Browder an object of hatred and contumely.

They cannot succeed. Has any American leader won the respect and admiration of decent Americans in recent years as has Earl Browder? Is there any man who is more recognized among the workers as the wholehearted champion of justice for the masses and of peace?

How ridiculous are the declarations of the editorial writers of the monopolists' press that Browder is being sent to jail for four years for a passport "crime" and not because of the position which he took on peace and for the working people! The unheard of severity of the sentence proves the falsity of such assertions. They are of the same kind as have been heard over and over again in every frame-up case:

The expressions of protest which have flooded the wires, and which attest to the affectionate place that Browder holds in the minds and hearts of the American working people, will grow in volume. No matter how much the monopolists' press seeks to prevent this protest from expanding and thundering through the country by belittling it, this movement will not be checked. No matter how much that press attempts to snuff out discussion of the Browder case by proclaiming that "a just decision" has been rendered and that Communists "desire immunity from the laws," this insistence of the workers will become louder and louder.

Why is this? Because the release of Tom Mooney is too fresh in the memory of the American people for them to forget that the same press told the same stories about the framed-up Mooney. They cannot forget, either, that when Eugene Victor Debs was hounded to jail, this same press said the aims of law and order had been served.

THE AMERICAN working people know, from the unjust conviction of these two men, that the real reason why they were sent to jail was their opposition to war, their defense of their class and their real Americanism.

So it is with Browder. From such experiences—the Mooney, Debs and Ruthenberg imprisonments—the people will now understand more clearly that Earl Browder is being "convicted" because he voiced the desire of the people for peace.

That people's movement which opened the jail doors for Mooney and which rang out its protest against the imprisonment of Debs will also free Browder. It will also free Wiener. Make such protests known far and wide.

Browder is threatened with jail because he fought the good fight for the working class and for peace. The working class and the champions of peace can win his freedom.

6,000 AT PHILADELPHIA MEETING DENOUNCE RULING ON BROWDER

Browder Will Speak Here Monday at Three Big City-wide Protest Rallies

U.S. Is 'In War' Now, Jones Says Before House

'Opposition Block' Against War Bill in House Shows Sham Stand

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones told the House Banking and Currency Committee today that the United States is "in the war."

"We're in the war," Jones declared. "At least we're nearly in the war; we're preparing for it. When you do that, you've got to throw money away."

Jones, who was testifying before the House Committee in connection with a proposed new grant of \$100,000,000 to the Federal Housing Administration to finance "defense" housing mortgages, then got a little worried about his frank statement and asked that it be stricken from the record.

President Roosevelt tried to laugh off the Jones statement at this afternoon press conference as just words that didn't mean anything.

But the revealing admission by the Secretary of Commerce who is also Federal Loan Administrator indicates the background against which the debate in the Senate on the President's war powers bill is proceeding.

The Jones statement lent weight to the charge of Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri to the Senate floor:

"This is not a defense bill at all. This is a war bill."

At the same press conference at which he tried to wave away Jones' indirect admission, the President himself made it plain that the Administration is already proceeding as if the lend-lease measure had been passed by Congress.

The President indicates that all preparations are being made to get

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Report Nazi Pressure Is Put on Greece

But Berlin Denies It Seeks to Force Armistice

ZURICH, Feb. 18 (UPI).—Armed with the "isolation" of Turkey, Adolf Hitler tonight was reported ready to demand that Greece submit to an armistice with Italy to drive the British from their Balkan foothold.

The British, having suffered a severe diplomatic setback in the case of the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration of non-aggression, issued a blunt warning of war to Bulgaria across whose territory Hitler's Hitler army would push to enforce the demands on Greece.

In Berlin it was denied that demands "of any character" had been served upon the hard-hitting Greeks but diplomatic circles elsewhere believed they would be forthcoming and that the Greeks, faced with an open threat of German invasion, would be powerless to resist an ultimatum.

The value of Britain's Mediterranean mutual aid pact with Turkey undoubtedly will become "questionable," the Germans said, now that Turkey has indicated strongly that she will not oppose any German military occupation of Bulgaria.

BERLIN DENIES 'DEMANDS' ON GREECE

BERLIN, Feb. 18 (UPI).—German sources insisted tonight that Germany has not followed up the Hitler

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Weather

LOCAL—Partly cloudy and continued cold; average temperature about 18°; fresh northwest to west winds.

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Flagrant Example of Class Justice—Foster

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Following is an excerpt from the speech of William Z. Foster at a Lenin Memorial Meeting here last night at which 6,000 persons unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the Supreme Court decision upholding the conviction and sentence of Earl Browder:

"Let me raise my voice with yours in indignation protest against the decision of the Supreme Court today sentencing Comrade Earl Browder and William Wiener to long terms in the penitentiary. They are being railroaded to jail because of their unrelenting opposition to this imperialist war; the passport charge is only a pretext."

This decision is one of the rankest examples of class justice in American history, and takes its place alongside the infamous Dred Scott decision. The action of the Supreme Court was prompted by a capitalist class frightened at the breakdown of its social system and panicking at the growth of anti-capitalist forces throughout the world.

"They sent Browder to jail for opposing the world war, and the American people, in overwhelming majority, have long since justified the anti-war stand by concluding that America's entry into that imperialist slaughter was a tragic mistake. They will justify his opposition against this war, too. In fact they have already done so by their resolute stand not to go into the war."

The best way we can respond to the reactionary decision of the Supreme Court is to have the trade unions and other organizations protest to President Roosevelt. We must continue and intensify our struggle against the war. We must support the fight of the Communist Party. Demand the release of Browder and Wiener."



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Supreme Court Decision Compared by Speakers to Dred Scott Case

FOSTER SPEAKS

Audience Pledges Mass Fight to Win Release of Communist Head

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 18.—Six thousand Philadelphians meeting here last night at the Market Street Arena, raised their voices in a mighty protest against the Supreme Court decision to imprison America's leading anti-war fighter, Earl Browder to a brutal four-year prison term. The occasion was a mass meeting honoring the memory of Lenin, Lincoln and Douglass.

The Browder decision was characterized by both principal speakers, William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, and Phil Frankfeld, secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Penn-

TEXT OF LETTER TO ROOSEVELT

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—The following letter was sent to President Roosevelt today:

"Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C."

"Dear Sir:

"In the name of 6,000 citizens of Philadelphia, gathered at a mass meeting in the Market Street Arena on Monday evening, February 18th, the meeting went on record unanimously protesting the outrageous sentence meted out to Mr. Earl Browder, in the upholding of Mr. Browder's conviction by the United States Supreme Court."

"The meeting went on record, also, as unanimously urging the immediate release of Mr. Earl Browder."

"Respectfully yours,

"Carl Reeve,
Chairman of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Meeting."

sylvania, as "a modern Dred Scott decision."

Despite a storm that struck this town yesterday a large inspired crowd of Irish, Negro and Italian people made their protest against war felt. Nine thousand tickets had been sold up to the opening of the hall.

Foster received a thunderous ovation when he rose to speak.

DRAWS PARALLEL

Frankfeld declared in an inspiring speech that "Tahey's reactionary Supreme Court of 1857 upheld the vile institution of human slavery. Roosevelt's reactionary Supreme Court of 1941 upholds the brutal institution of capitalist wage slavery and capitalist war."

Foster devoted the first part of his speech to a comparison of the institutions of American democracy with the institutions of Soviet democracy. He showed that the overwhelming number of Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress are lawyers or other lackeys of the capitalist class. A storm of applause by the audience greeted Foster's analysis of the enormous number of workers, farmers and women who represent the Soviet people in their law-making bodies.

ANALYZES WAR AIMS

The second part of Foster's speech was typical—biting, sharp and crystal clear. The National Chairman of the Communist Party evaluated the war aims of British and Nazi imperialism. He showed the policy of Great Britain as one inimical to the interests of the English people; he spoke against any aid to Great Britain, Nazi Germany or any foreign imperialism.

"Their war aims are clear," Foster declared. "The English government stands ready to betray the

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Seamen at Sea Radio Vow To Fight High Court Ruling

From all corners of the country messages came to Earl Browder yesterday. But one came by radio from a ship at sea when seamen heard radio reports of the Supreme Court action. It said:

Radio via RCA from SS Charles McCormick at Sea (Received in Tuckerton, N. J.)

Earl Browder:

American People will yet reverse rotten court decision. Warmest greetings.

SEAMEN

SS Charles McCormick

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Report CIO Rejects War Labor Board

Administration Scheme Would Give Government a Club to Break Strikes; AFL President Green Endorses Proposal

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—CIO opposition is slowing up an administration drive for the setting up of a War Labor Board with far-reaching powers to crack down on strikes.

President Roosevelt is understood to have had a direct hand in drafting this plan which was eliminated last week on behalf of the President to leaders of the CIO and the AFL by Sidney Hillman, associate director of the Office of Production Management.

AFL chiefs are reported to have given strong approval to the Roosevelt-Hillman scheme at the Miami meeting of their executive council.

The public statement by AFL president William Green endorsing in general terms a plan for a War Labor Board was seen here as a "total failure" designed to test public sentiment on the administration's latest anti-labor scheme.

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After considerable discussion, the AFL officers were reported to have rejected the plan and to have turned down any suggestion that they lend their endorsement to the establishment of a War Labor Board.

Present at this important meeting were president Philip Murray of the CIO, secretary James B. McGuire and the six CIO vice-presidents.

Officers who spoke in favor of

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Landy Polls 2,284 Votes In Brooklyn

Aron Landy, Communist Party candidate for the State Senate in the Fourth District, Kings special election polled 2,284 votes, it was announced late last night.

The Landy vote was an increase of seven and a half per cent over the Communist Party vote in the fall presidential election and topped the vote of Julius Primoff, American Labor Party candidate by nearly 300 ballots.

In the 18th Assembly District Vincent Castiglione, Communist Party candidate polled 1,157 votes or slightly under that of his American Labor opponent, Salvatore De Matteo, who was elected in 1939.

The special election was held because Carmine J. Marasco, Democrat, resigned from the Assembly to seek election to the post vacated by the appointment of Senator Kleinfield to the Supreme Court.

Marasco won the Senate seat. His vote was 16,532. Louis L. Friedman, Democrat, won the Assembly seat with a vote of 8,071.

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Foster, Ford, Minor to Speak with Browder, Leaflets Out

Throwing its full force into the "Free Browder" drive, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party last night announced three mass rallies for Monday night at each of which Earl Browder will speak.

The meetings will be held at Mecca Temple, 55th St., between 6th and 7th Aves.; at the Capital Hotel, 8th Ave. and 51st St., and at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. All will begin at 8 P.M.

Speaking at all three of the meetings will be William Z. Foster; James W. Ford, Browder's running mate in the 1940 presidential campaign; Robert Minor, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party; Israel Amer, the Party's state chairman, and Louis F. Budenz, member of the Daily Worker editorial board.

Meanwhile thousands of leaflets

are already appearing on the streets charging that "the Roosevelt Admin-

istration wants Browder in jail because he is the outstanding fighter against the imperialist war."

The leaflets also call upon the public to demand a presidential pardon for Browder, declaring that determined popular protest can force the President to act.

From other cities over the nation word was being received of protest meetings planned in the near future. First of them to report were:

Cleveland

CLEVELAND: Sunday, March 2 at 7:30 P. M. in the Ball Room of the Public Auditorium. Speakers will include Robert Minor and Arnold Johnson, Ohio Communist Party secretary.

Akron

AKRON: Sigmund Wenger, local Communist leader, will speak over radio station JWJ on Feb. 19 at 8:45 P. M.

Chicago

CHICAGO: Thursday, Feb. 27 at a place to be announced; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary of the Committee to Defend Civil Rights of Communists, will be the main speaker.

25,000 British Civilians Killed Since Start of War

LONDON, Feb. 18 (UPI).—An announcement revealed today that nearly 25,000 British civilians had been killed by German air attacks up to Jan. 31.

Liverpool Blast Kills 3

LONDON, Feb. 18

New York Unions Swing Into Action To Preserve Peace

CIO and AFL Locals Set Up Active Peace Committees to Protest Dictatorship Bill and Keep Out of War; Women Unionists, Youth Among Most Active

By Beth McHenry

New York City's trade unions have begun to answer with emphasis the despairing old cry of "but how can we fight against war and dictatorship?"

Local after local, both CIO and AFL, have set up peace committees, joined up with the American Peace Mobilization, begun to educate their memberships and the families and friends of their membership to the realization that war is not inevitable, that it can be stopped, and that it is the job of workers in trade unions to give the necessary leadership to the American people to save America from destruction.

Responding to the example set by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, many CIO locals which had previously set up peace committees, have accomplished this necessary step during the past few weeks. Some unions, such as the National Maritime Union and Local 65 of the United Wholesale and Warehousesmen, CIO, had already been in the front ranks of the fight for peace. But now other unions, big and little, have begun to take peace work seriously.

Local 45-B, United Furniture Workers of America, CIO, for example, has now a rapid growing eight weeks' old peace committee. Heading the leadership of this committee, number of the union's 1,000 membership have found the "Washington trail," joining the delegations organized by the American Peace Mobilization.

UNION WOMEN ACTIVE

Ell Ruderman, a worker from a shop is the chairman of Local 45-B's peace committee. Its main activity during the recent weeks has been to concentrate upon the campaign against the War-Dictatorship Bill, H. R. 1776. Fifty per cent of Local 45-B's membership are women, a fact which, Mr. Ruderman emphasizes, is extremely significant in the fight for peace.

"Women somehow take this peace work more seriously than anyone else," he observed. "They seem to be most conscious of the horrors of war and eager to fight for the lives of their husbands and brothers and sons."

Local 45-B is now deep in plans for participation in the nationwide April 6th demonstration for peace, to take place in New York City. This local works closely with APM, its manager, Paul Green, being an active member of the Executive Board of the peace organization.

From Local 45-B, the Daily Worker looked in on an AFL union, Local 623, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters of New York. Here too we found a new but active peace committee, headed by Pat Clancy, an outstanding leader of the union.

The peace committee of Local 623 followed the action of the local executive which went on record recently against the War-Dictatorship Bill, H. R. 1776 and urged its membership to fight for peace.

MEETS WEEKLY

Local 623's peace committee meets once every week and transmits its suggestions and decisions to the union's 1,000 members in the six neighborhood sections which comprise the local.

While the ordinary union channels, that is the membership meetings and the regular union publications, are used for peace work in Local 623, the Peace Committee also issues a special monthly bulletin whose main emphasis at the present moment has been the campaign against H. R. 1776. The Peace Committee has also distributed some 300 APM "peace kits," folders of information on the fight for peace and sent delegates to the Washington

meeting of the American Youth Congress last weekend.

Mr. Heisler explained that: right now the membership is most active against H. R. 1776, and that the Peace Committee is concentrating upon plans for April 6, 1941, when Local 623 pledges to join with labor and other people all over the country in a demonstration "big enough to convince even Washington" that the American people are not only for peace, but mean to have peace.

World Capitalist Press Tries to Hide the Solid Achievements Of the Soviet People, as Revealed by the 18th CPSU Conference

By G. Stanley

(Continued from the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 18.—The challenging report of Georgi M. Malenkov, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, given before the first full session of the 18th Party Conference now meeting here, has aroused a tornado of front-page outcry in the foreign press because of the severe self-criticism, which it contained.

But again, as has happened many times before, the windy gloating of the bourgeois journalists backfires. They miss both the solid basis of achievement on which the criticism is based, and the new seven-league-boots advance which the criticism heralds.

In these days, while the Second Imperialist War is raging, the radio and columns of the bourgeois press frequently carry statements made by political figures and representatives of the capitalist world. The majority of these statements deal with military events and contain threats. Sometimes economic problems are dealt with, but every effort is made to conceal the im-

povitishness of the working people by using pompous phrases about imaginary "successes" and by making generous promises for the future which were supposed to be carried out "after an victorious war."

GREATNESS IN HISTORY

The speech of Malenkov on the tasks of the Bolshevik Party in the sphere of industry and transport, had not only by the 18th Conference delegations that the whole Soviet country differs radically from the above-mentioned types of states.

Malenkov is a member of the Bolshevik leadership of the Bolshevik Party, which as the guiding force of the Soviet Union is leading the Soviet people from success to success, in leading them in successfully carrying out one of the greatest tasks known in the history of mankind, namely, that of turning old backward Russia into a country with a powerful socialist industry, into a country with the most modern agriculture in the world. The people who were oppressed and exploited under tsarism are now the masters of their own fate.

After this introductory review, Malenkov's report is devoted to a detailed criticism of shortcomings.

With a frankness unknown in other countries of the world, he disclosed weaknesses in the economic organs, sluggishness of the organizations in industry and transport, lack of proper use of modern Soviet technique of new materials, etc.

Anyone abroad reading this report must recognize one thing: In no other country in the world could a stateman so sharply and openly criticize weaknesses. This keynote in Malenkov's report has its deep roots in Soviet reality.

First of all nobody in the Soviet Union needs to make lengthy

Rescue Ship Sends Wires To British Laborites

Urge Aid in Stalemate Over Permit to Send for Spain Refugees

A cablegram was sent today to the Rt. Hon. Clement R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and member of the Churchill Cabinet, by Dr. Edward K. Haskin, chairman of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, 425 Fourth Avenue, urging the issuance of at least a limited sailing warrant to the mercy ship *Loven* and thereby permit it to depart on its initial scheduled voyage to French Morocco to transport 450 Spanish refugees to Mexico.

YOUNGSTERS JOHN BURKE

Over at 77 Fifth Ave., the youthful leaders of Department Store Employees Union, Local 1280, CIO, explained how rapidly their peace committee is growing.

Some 500 men in Local 1280, 1,800 members are girls, either newly married or hoping to be married soon," said their leader of what is beginning to express itself in action. Local 1280 membership is chiefly from Sears' Department stores, downtown and in the Bronx; although its "Division A" is made up of smaller department personnel.

Department store workers here and in Detroit and lots of other places, have shown their spirit on more than one occasion and George Meister, business manager of Local 1280, admitted that their membership was beginning to put on a "real fight." For peace, as they know how to put up a fight for what's right."

LOCAL 65 IN NEW YORK

No story can peace work in New York City local trade union could omit some mention of Local 65, the United Wholesale and Warehousesmen, CIO—a local whose animated, determined young members are to be seen everywhere in front of every single demonstration for peace, conspicuous in their green caps and tunics, fighting for their very lives. For Local 65 has made membership that its 75 per cent "draftable" anti-war means—WPA in all its terrible reality to these youngsters.

Local 65, says Max Heisler, rank-and-file who heads the Peace Committee of the union, explains began the peace work soon after the war clouds had burst Europe and the hopeful American millionaires had begun to display the same old restlessness that the people remember from 1937.

In January, 1940, Local 65 had "WPA Day" (Meeting Committee) at least once a month. At least once a month since April 6th peace rally, the green banners of Local 65 were bright in Madison Square Park, while union president Arthur Demand was one of the leading speakers at the great demonstration against war.

THE DAILY WORKER

Out of the original tens of thousands who joined the Peace Committee sprang the present Peace Committee, which has been one of the most active factors in the demonstration of the past weeks and months. The Washington ARAA demonstration of two weeks ago saw more than 500 members from Local 65 in the nation's capital telling Congressmen and Senators how the people feel about the war. More than 1,500 "stars" were in the ranks of the "Open Meeting" (unofficially) the American Youth Congress last weekend.

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Zimmer to Speak at ALP Meeting Here

Progressives to Organize Bronx People's Peace Movement

Bronx: borough-wide sentiment for political action around a people's peace program independent of the war-minded old parties is being organized by the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party through the Bronx County Legislative Conference, scheduled for Sunday, March 2, at Herman Ridder Junior High School, 172d St. and Boston Road.

Several hundred copies of a call to participate in the all-day conference have been sent to church, fraternal, youth, civic and other organizations and trade unions, Myron L. Shapiro, executive secretary of the Bronx ALP group, said.

The working conference will end with a mass meeting in the auditorium of the school in the evening.

Eugene Zimmer, only American Labor Party State Assemblyman, and President Charles Hendley of the Teachers' Union will be featured speakers.

Everyone people are groaning



200 of These for the Navy: The Navy has announced award of a contract for \$3,240,000 to purchase approximately 200 troop-carrying seagoing tanks, similar to the one pictured above. The contract was awarded to Donald Roebling, of Clearwater, Fla., builder of the tank.

Fear 12 Dead In Bombed London Shelter

Rescuers Cut Through Debris to Save Many Wounded

LONDON, Feb. 18 (UP)—At least 12 persons were feared dead today in the ruins of a London public shelter on which a German airplane bomb crashed during the night.

Rescue squads had nearly finished rescuing wounded from the shelter this morning when a time bomb exploded nearby and buried two more persons in a shop basement.

The London "Daily Worker," which the Churchill-Bevin Government suppressed a month ago, opposed the Government's negligence in failing to provide proper air raid protection for the people. The paper was called "Fifth Columnist" for pointing out and protesting against the mounting number of casualties among people who took refuge in the government shelters.

LONDON REPORTS SINKING FOE'S SHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 18 (UP)—A German merchant ship being used as a supply vessel by the Italians was sunk and three Italian ships, including an auxiliary warship, were damaged by a British air attack on shipping in the central Mediterranean, the Admiralty announced today.

Rescuers found the entrance blocked, and dug through debris to reach those trapped. Surgeons administered morphine to those more seriously wounded.

"Everywhere people are groaning as they tried to move," a shelter attendant said.

Rescue operations at the bombed shelter continued into the afternoon and several bodies were recovered. Two nurses were believed among the missing.

New Draft in Italy Will Include University Men

ROME, Feb. 18 (UP)—Announcing that the second group of the army class of 1921 would be called up Feb. 27 and 28, the Ministry of War made it known today that university students would no longer be given a postponement of service until they had concluded their studies.

The first group of the 1921 class, youths who reach their 20th year during 1941, was called to the colors in January.

The entire class is estimated to number about 300,000.

Rome Admits Port Loss in Somaliland

Claims Greeks in Albania Lost Heavily in Attack Yesterday

ROME, Feb. 18 (UP)—Italy admitted the loss of Chimalmo, port of southern Italian Somaliland, today but the High Command communiqué said fighting in the Chimalmo sector continued. Before evacuating the port, the communiqué continued, the Italians "completely destroyed" it.

British planes dropped explosive and incendiary bombs on Italy's Dodecanese Islands off the Turkish coast, the communiqué said.

German planes, it was asserted, bombed rear lines and transport bases of the British army in Libya.

On the Albanian front, according to the communiqué, fighting continued throughout yesterday and the Greeks suffered heavy losses without moving the Italian lines. It was admitted that Italian losses, on the 11th army front, were also considerable.

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Admiralty officials said this morning that they were trapped by the British and Allied shipping losses since Jan. 7 to 257,000 tons, and since the war began to more than 2,000,000 tons.

The announcement coincided with the Admiralty's regular weekly statement on British and Allied shipping losses, which for the week ended at midnight Feb. 9 took a sharp drop from the preceding week and were less than half the weekly average for the war.

British and Allied losses for the week under review totalled 13 ships aggregating 20,806 tons, the Admiralty said. During this period, the Admiralty said, the Germans claimed to have sunk 102,500 tons of shipping and the Italians 5,200 tons.

Canadians Warned

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18 (UP)—The Canadian legation at Tokio has advised Canadians in the Peiping area of China that it would be "advised" for them to leave, it was learned here today.

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Brutal Slaughter of 10,000 Of Chinese Fourth Army Gov't Troops Is Revealed

Eye-Witness Accounts State Chungking Troops Wantonly Attacked Women, Nurses, Children After Bulk of 'Fourth' Had Moved On

(By Intercontinental News)

HONGKONG (By Mail).—As more information comes to light, the recent attack by Central Government troops on the people of the New Fourth Army, "explained" by the National Government as "disciplinary action," is revealed as a brutal and murderous massacre of a small body of people, the majority of whom were wounded soldiers, women and children by overwhelming numbers of well-armed Government troops.

On Jan. 15, General Ku Cho-tung, Commander of the Third War Zone, declared that the reason for the disbandment of the New Fourth Army was that the Army had disobeyed an order to move northward and had attacked Central Government troops.

The facts of the case, well authenticated by neutral observers are as follows:

Before January first, more than nine-tenths of the New Fourth Army—more than 100,000 troops, had already crossed the Yangtze. Left in the south were less than 10,000 people, most of whom were non-soldiers. These, while in the midst of their preparations to move northward, were suddenly attacked and massacred by Central Government troops.

Those who were besieged and massacred were in Mowling, southern Anhwei, and consisted of about 4,000 soldiers attached to the Army headquarters, and more than 5,000 cadets, nurses, wounded soldiers and hospital staff. These were overwhelmed by Central Government troops. Commander Yeh Ting was seriously wounded and is now a prisoner, and Deputy Commander Hong Ying was also seriously wounded and afterwards killed.

Reports of the battle relate how nurses and children, besieged in that area of about ten square miles, had to take up rifles in self-defense, and that fighting stopped only after all ammunition was exhausted.

TRAPPED IN POCKET

When the attack began the New Fourth Army people were already enroute to the area north of the Yangtze. After having been granted permission by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to take a safe route east of Chinkiang, the New Fourth Army people started on January 4th from Yunlin, in the district of Kinhien, where the Army headquarters had been. The next day they reached Mowling on the border of Kinhien and Taiping, and at the entrance to a long mountainous path with high peaks on both sides. After they entered this pocket, other Chinese troops—of the National Government, delivered a sudden attack from both sides.

Knowing that they were trapped, the New Fourth people tried to dash out, but the surrounding troops grew thicker and thicker.

This fight, the intensity of which has never been equalled since the battle against the Japanese in Shanghai in 1937, lasted from January 6th to January 13th, eight full days and eight nights.

The little group of the New Fourth Army was surrounded by twelve divisions. Those actually participating in the fighting were the Seventh Division under Tien Chin-ning, the Tenth Division under Wang Klin-siu, the Fortieth Division under Chuen Chung-hsien, the Fifty-second and Seventy-ninth Divisions, the 108th Division, the 144th Division under Fan Tse-yin, and two other divisions of the Ninth Army. In all, nearly 80,000 under the general command of General Shankuan Yun-hsiang, and more than half of the latter 10,000 were not soldiers.

Of the 10,000 people of the New Fourth, 4,000 were soldiers of the Third Detachment who were guarding Army Headquarters. The rest consisted of about 2,000 wounded soldiers and officers who now had to be carried, and more than 3,000 political workers, cadets, medical service people and their families.

AMMUNITION EXHAUSTED

Steel Trust Gouges Gov't, Committee Told

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (UPI).—Steel companies, which often give price discounts of nearly 30 per cent to large buyers, refuse any concessions to the government, a study submitted to the Federal Monopoly Committee asserted today.

Chairman Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo., said American taxpayers are forced to expand "great sums" as a result of these price discounts.

"The existence of these discounts is significant not only to small businesses," he said, "but also to the government of the United States, for the government, large though its orders may be, receives none of these price concessions; it pays as much as the smallest private purchaser."

The government is, indeed, the "least favored buyer," and its inability to obtain the price reductions regularly given to large private buyers annually costs the nation's taxpayers great sums of money.

The price concessions to large purchasers, which diminish with the size of the buyer, place the small businessman at "a severe competitive disadvantage," O'Mahoney said.

The study, it was explained, was based on a committee questionnaire sent to more than half the steel industry.

Rally Pledges United Support To Day Strike

CIO and AFL Unions Join in Support of News Guild Strike

A crowded auditorium of New York newspaper Guildsmen and supporters from other unions, both CIO and AFL, pledged their support against the Jewish Day at a mass meeting at Webster Hall, 11th St., last night.

The strike, precipitated by a wave of mass firings and wage cuts by the Day management in violation of the Guild's contract with the paper, entered its fifth day yesterday.

Speakers at last night's meeting included B. Z. Goldberg, the Day's featured columnist, who is one of the leading strikers; Alexander Hoffman, manager of the Clerks and Dyers Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Morris Muster, international president of the United Furniture Workers, CIO; Monroe Stern, president of the New York local of the Newspaper Guild; Sam Landau, chairman of the Bay unit of the Guild; Mrs. Kirk Shaw, president of the Newspaper Guild Auxiliary and Mrs. Arthur Pollock, president of the New York local of the Guild Auditory.

CIRCULATION BERED BIRTHS

Meanwhile, as committees of strikers and strike supporters began to make dents in the Day's advertising by appeals to advertisers to pull out of the struck paper, an interesting development in the walkout occurred when Maurice Shulsky, for 12 years circulation manager of The Day, joined the strikers.

Declaring "I will not work with scabs," Mr. Shulsky pledged his full support of the strike. He had not been covered by the Guild's contract with The Day because he was classified as an executive.

More than 70,000 copies of a Jewish language strike paper, called The Day Striker, were being distributed by the Guild as minuscule of Guildsmen called on news dealers urging them to discontinue sale of the paper.

San Francisco Fire Kills 3

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (UPI).—Three women were burned to death, a man was injured critically, four firemen were overcome by smoke and 26 young girls were left to safety today in a fire that swept through the Mission Community Center and girls' club.

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Philadelphia Negro Congress Asks WPA Fund

N. Y. Legislature Creates New 'Defense' Body

Ostertag Measure Goes to Governor Lehman; Labor Circles See Danger of Local Vigilante Terror

By S. W. Gerson

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—The "defense" juggernaut began its lumbering march through the legislature today with the unanimous passage of the Ostertag Bill by the Senate and its transmission to the governor for his signature.

Adopted by the Assembly last night over the opposition of Laborite J. Eugene Zimmer of Troy, the measure sets up a State Defense Council as a regular agency of government. It also empowers cities and counties to create similar bodies.

While formally introduced by Assemblyman Harold C. Ostertag, a Republican New York Central man from Wyoming County, the bill is in line with Governor Herbert H. Lehman's recommendations in his opening message to the legislature and received the blessing of leaders of both major parties.

MEASURE RUSHED

This morning's debate was perfunctory. Senate majority leader Joe Hanley insisting that speed was necessary. Freebie opposition was voiced by Senator Thomas Desmond, Newburgh Republican, who claimed greater virtues for a bill sponsored by him.

Another Desmond bill, innocent enough in appearance, became the subject for considerably warmer discussion than greeted the Ostertag bill. Designed to amend the penal law in relation to the destruction of dangerous weapons the bill was finally converted to what one Senator termed a "junior lend lease bill."

While the measure formally grants the Council powers to make studies and surveys of virtually all questions relating to defense, including significantly enough, labor relations, its provisions cover virtually everything in the state. It declares that the Council may investigate, besides the specific items mentioned in the bill "any and all other subjects and matters deemed by the council to be relevant or germane to the investigations directed by this act."

SEE VIGILANTE USE

What is particularly disturbing, not only to labor men here but even to various legislators, is a vague provision in the measure permitting the council "to do all other acts and things, not inconsistent with the law, to further and promote state and national defense."

Some criticism was expressed by Senator Clifford Hastings, Republican of Troy, who contended that the constitutional right to bear arms was being taken from the people and that, pacifists would take Americans at a disadvantage. He wanted to keep the guns here, he said, so that "we can watch for some one to drop out of the sky."

COMIC, BUT NOT FUNNY

The Desmond bill was finally laid aside, its sponsor promising to amend his bill to permit the State police to turn over confiscated sawed-off shotguns, gangster "typewriters" and snub-nosed pistols to the British.

If the debate around the Desmond bill had obvious opera house qualities, labor observers at the capitol saw no mirth in the Ostertag measure. They will concentrate their criticism on other so-called model defense bills at a public hearing Feb. 25 in the Assembly, but they are nonetheless privately critical about elements in the State Defense Council Bill.

The bill in effect legalizes the present State Defense Council, six

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Cites Need for 500 Million Appropriation

Hits 'Defense' Jim-Crow in Letter to Seven Congressmen

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—The need for immediate WPA deficiency appropriation of \$450,000,000 was emphasized in a letter sent yesterday to the seven Philadelphia Congressmen by the city executive board of the National Negro Conference.

The letter stressed that only such an appropriation will half a 20 per cent general lay-off of project workers and emphasized the particular hardship such a lay-off would inflict upon Negro labor which has received very little benefit from the armament program.

"Our research committee," the letter points out, "estimates that there are still about eight million unemployed persons in the country. This staggering figure, despite the 'National Defense Industries' is living proof that WPA or some adequate form of war program is needed now, as much as ever."

"Frankly very few Negro citizens of this area have been absorbed into private industry as a result of national defense work. Moreover, no substantial number of Negroes have been employed by the government defense agencies in recent months. Our figures indicate a net rise in the ratio of unemployed during the past six months."

The letter was signed by Miss Goldie Ervin, president of the Philadelphia Council of the Congress, and by George Francis Arnold, corresponding secretary.



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Teachers to Wage Nationwide Fight Against Expulsions

Board Headed by Counts Revokes Charter of Four Locals; Hendley Calls Autocratic Procedure 'Unconstitutional'

Announcement from Chicago that the executive council of the American Federation of Teachers decided to expel three New York and one Philadelphia affiliates totaling a third of the union's national membership, brought announcement here yesterday that the fight against dominant reactionary AFT clique will be waged with full vigor on a nation-wide scale.

The announcements came from Dr. Robert K. Speer, president of College Teachers Union, Local 537; Charles J. Hendley, President of Local 5 and William Levner, President of WPA teachers Local 453. The council voted to revoke the charters of all three locals.

The Philadelphia local, 192, headed by Mary Foley Grossman, has along with the other three locals been in the forefront of progressive unions and in the fight for democracy in education.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL'

The announcement of the National Council that it will submit the question of revoking the charters to a national referendum, was declared by the union leaders here as an attempt to "circumvent the constitution" of the AFT.

The executive council, headed by its reactionary President Prof. George S. Counts, struck its knife into the unions here as the Rapponcourt witch hunt committee, given another year's lease, renewed its effort to blacklist the members.

A third factor in the coordinated drive upon the teachers comes from the Board of Education and Board of Higher Education who jointly with the legislative committee bring the employers' pressure upon the members of the locals.

"The Counts faction of the AFT is trying to circumvent the constitution of the Federation in its attempts to expel three locals which it cannot control," declared Hendley. "The resort to a referendum is a smokescreen or pretended democracy to conceal its anti-democratic purge."

"Our constitution requires a two-thirds vote in the national convention for the expulsion of a local. This provision was designed to protect minorities against just such action as Counts and his supporters are trying to carry through. This faction cannot expel these locals legally, for we are getting support from the membership of the Federation throughout the country."

"In desperation the executive council resorts to a referendum which requires a simple majority for approval. The constitution does not provide for expulsion by referendum. Of course Local 5 will insist that the legal procedure be followed—we will appeal to the convention."

FULLY DEMOCRATIC

The executive council's charge that the unions expelled are "dominated by Communists" was termed a "malicious lie" by Hendley. He declared that Local 5 is "not dominated by any group inside or outside the organization."

"All our policies, our program and our activities are decided upon by a thoroughly democratic process," Hendley continued. "No other local in the whole Federation operates more democratically than Local 5. This charge of Communist domination is just politics of a very low order."

Earlier Dr. Speer and Dale Zyman, vice-president of Local 5, is-

sued a joint statement of a similar nature. They lashed out against the new charge conceived by the national council that the recently formed "Committee to Save the American Federation of Teachers" is a "dual" organization.

Dr. Speer is national chairman of that committee.

"This committee is in no sense a dual organization," their statement said. "It consists of members of the AFT who want to maintain unity in the AFT and direct it toward constructive educational action."

"It works entirely within the AFT. It is no more a dual organization than the joint progressive caucus maintained by the executive council."

The "progressive" caucus is the combination of Social Democrats, Lovestoneites, Trotzkites and William Green type reactionaries who are combined under Prof. Counts' leadership for the rule or ruin policy.

William Levner, defended the WPA local against the charge that his union was behind in per capita, the supposed basis for that local's suspension. He revealed that the check for dues sent to the council on Jan. 1, 1941, but the check was held up to date and neither accepted nor rejected. He further noted that the local's standing was not questioned several weeks ago when its members voted in a referendum.

"The specific reason given by the executive council," said Levner, "for suspending our local rounds out the complete picture of the plot to purge the most energetic and militant locals of the Federation. Not having any smear charges against us they hit on the pretext of an obviously trumped up case about our per capita dues payments."

Levner noted that the union's constitution requires notice and time to locals before any suspensions for dues delinquency takes effect. As further indication of the reason for suspension of 453, Levner explained that it is part of the process to disqualify as many progressive locals from voting in the proposed referendum, and eventually for the convention, as possible. Local 453 he said, would cast about 700 votes against the administration. He observed that in the recent referendum on the Howard amendment which centered largely on the same issue, the executive council claimed a majority of only about 1,000 votes.

The union's next convention, at which the struggle is expected to culminate, is to be held in Detroit in August.

Deny British Patrol Off Coast of Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI), Feb. 18 (UP)—Reports that British warships were patrolling Thailand territorial waters off Songkhla, near the border with Malaya, were described as untrue in a government communiqué today.

It was said that investigation had proved the report unfounded.

Workers Rush To Join Union At Harvester

7,000 at McCormick Plant Wait Signal to Walk Out

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 18.—Workers at the International Harvester McCormick plant broke all records here for a mass influx into the CIO Farm Equipment Workers' Union today as the local was completing its strike vote.

Hundreds lined up in the union headquarters to sign cards, blasting the long tradition that McCormick is the toughest anti-union link in the Harvester chain.

The CIO local was forced to extend the strike balloting for another day because there were no facilities for handling the terrific rush of workers at the end of each shift.

With some 8,000 workers already on strike at three Harvester plants, McCormick's 7,000 workers are ready to go as soon as the signal is sounded.

The management, meanwhile clinging to its "no wage rise" position as plant after plant joined the strike in swift succession with the growing possibility that the entire Harvester chain may be closed down.

The world's largest farm implement concern tried its hand at strike-breaking at the Richmond, Indiana, plant, where 1,200 workers walked out yesterday morning. The result was a miserable fizzle as 600 pickets held their own against local police and vigilantes.

Meanwhile, a huge mass meeting of striking tractor works employees was held here last night. Chairman Grant Oakes of the Farm Equipment Workers' Organizing Committee declared that: "We can hold out as long as the company can, and longer." Oakes reported a tremendous response from unions and organizations in all parts of the country to the strikers' request for financial aid.

Father McGovern, of the Lady of Good Council Parish, who spoke at the mass rally, warned the strikers against "whisper mongers" who would try to spread defections in their ranks. Another speaker, Charlotte Carr, director of Hull House, told the strikers that they were doing more for the community in trying to raise living standards than anything that has yet been done.

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Report Nazi 'Pressure' Is Put on Greece

But Berlin Denies It Seeks to Force Armistice

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Greek-Turkish non-aggression agreement by making "demands" on Greece.

Nazi quarters said Germany has made no demands "of any character" upon Greece as a result of the agreement.

SOFIA REPORTS PEACE TALKS ON

SOFIA, Feb. 18 (UP)—Germany has launched conversations in Sofia for a "quick peace" between Greece and Italy, it was stated authoritatively tonight despite denial in Greek quarters.

The Germans are serving as intermediaries, it was said, using the new Turkish-Bulgarian declaration of neutrality and non-aggression as the means of bringing pressure on the Greeks.

There are to be two representatives each of the CIO, the AFL, the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Real powers of conducting investi-



Stalled by West Coast Storm: These autos, some of them hub-deep in mud, were caught in the grip of a storm and stalled in the western part of Los Angeles. Overnight, the city became virtually a lake as the terrific rain storm swept the area.

Report CIO Rejects War Labor Board

Administration Scheme Would Give Government a Club to Break Strikes; AFL President Green Endorses Proposal

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outright rejection of the War Labor Board plan included Murray and vice-presidents Reil Robinson of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union.

While Murray has endorsed important aspects of the Roosevelt "defense" program, he told the meeting of the CIO officers that he believed the proposed War Labor Board would seriously jeopardize labor's right to strike.

ACW CHIEF ENDORSES

Complete endorsement of the administration plan was given by CIO vice-president Frank Roebenbom, representing the Amalgamated Clothing Workers during the heated discussion at the CIO meeting.

Vice-president Sherman Dalmayne of the United Rubber Workers and R. J. Thomas of the United Automobiles are also understood to have expressed general approval of the scheme, criticizing only specific details.

According to the plan submitted to AFL and CIO leaders, President Roosevelt is to have power to appoint the three members of the War Labor Board. All three are to be members of the "public," allegedly representing neither labor nor busi-

ness.

This Board is to have the sweeping powers to step into any strike situation or labor dispute and conduct an "investigation." It can then issue a public report stating its opinion of the strike, and distributing responsibility for its occurrence.

The major effect of this kind of set-up is obviously to create a black-jack which can be held over the heads of labor in the event of a strike.

CAN BREAK STRIKES

At any time the War Labor Board can issue a report strongly condemning the strikers and setting in motion a wave of anti-labor hysteria.

The President can follow through with more concrete steps designed to force the strikers back on their jobs.

In addition to three members of the "public," the proposed War Labor Board is also to have an advisory council of eight, ostensibly to represent the interests of both labor and capital.

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Real powers of conducting investi-

Deny Report Allis-Chalmers Strike Is Over

UAW Leader Contradicts Statement Issued by Knudsen, Hillman

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 18.—Contrary to the statement issued Saturday at Washington by William Knudsen, director, and Sidney Hillman, his associate in the Office of Production Management, the Allis-Chalmers strike of 7,000 is not settled. Harold Christoffel, president of Local 244 of the United Automobile Workers, declared today.

Characterizing the Washington story "rumors," he said the walkout will continue until an agreement acceptable to the local membership is reached.

Christoffel's announcement came after a membership meeting of 6,000 striking workers yesterday voted unanimously that irrespective of Washington announcements the walkout would continue until negotiations are finally completed.

The plant remained closed as negotiations continued here on several important points. The union is determined to safeguard its security and to obtain wage increases.

Rally Called To Back Local 65 Strikers

Queens CIO Workers Urged to Support Meeting Today

The Queens Organizing Committee of the CIO will hold its first mass meeting at 5:30 P.M. today in support of the 350 striking workers of the National Container Corporation now in the third week of their walkout.

A call has been issued to all CIO members in Queens to rally behind the strikers as the opening shot in the drive aiming to unionize predominately open shop Queens.

Myra Stern director of the CIO's Queens Organizing Committee will preside. Leaders of a number of unions will speak.

"A victory for the workers of this plant will have immediate beneficial results for all the workers in Queens," says the call of the meeting. The National Container Workers are now in the forefront of the struggle to make Queens a union town.

"Shall labor continue to work in Queens for lower wages, bad working conditions and under anti-union management?" Organization of the un-organized depends to a great extent upon a victory at Na-

tion.

Strikers of National Container members of Local No. 6, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, today awaited a response from the management of the Fore River shipyard of the Bethlehem Steel Co. to nine demands for wage increases and improved working conditions. About 11,000 workers would be affected.

The company recently granted exclusive recognition to an independent union, charged by the CIO unit as a company union. The yard is working on contracts for the Navy Department.

Demands of the CIO union, submitted to the management after a meeting last night, included a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase, improved seniority provisions, revision of the incentive system, job reclassification, bonuses for night work, vacations with pay, protection of draftees, job training opportunities and pay for holidays.

British Warned Food Shortage Getting Worse

LONDON, Feb. 18 (UP)—Food Minister Lord Woolton today warned the British they must tighten their belts many more notches and return to the days of simpler living because of the food shortage.

Speaking in a House of Lords debate, the Food Minister gave a gloomy picture of the food outlook. He said the greatest shortage was in the animal-protein group, such as bacon, eggs, cheese and meat.

"It would be wrong of me not to disclose that I am greatly concerned over the shortage of these commodities, especially cheese," Woolton said.

German Raiders Range Over All Britain

BERLIN, Feb. 18 (UP)—Widespread attacks on the British Isles yesterday and last night and damage to British shipping, including sinking of a merchant ship of 4,800 tons by aircraft, were claimed in a German High Command communiqué.

And again he added a meaningful qualifying statement that he did not think this should be done by "one man." Apparently, he indicated, a government board with the same powers would be more satisfactory.

With an "opposition" such as this, it is no wonder that administration leaders feel confident of their success in passing the bill.

6,000 at Phila. Rally Hit Browder Ruling

William Z. Foster Likens Supreme Court Decision to Duell Scott Case; Frankfeld Says Issue Is Part of Roosevelt War Drive

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English people sit any time just as they betrayed the people of Europe at Munich. Their war aims are to attack the Soviet Union and to flatten the gates of fascism upon the world."

Pastor concluded by speaking on the Dean of Canterbury best seller, "The Soviet Power." Eight hundred copies were sold in this audience.

A standing ovation greeted Bill Frankfeld as Carl Heuer, legislative chairman of the Communist Party and chairman of the Dies Committee, introduced the new secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania to the first mass rally since his arrival in Philadelphia.

"Let the slave owners of 1940 rejoice," Frankfeld declared. "While we the people consecrate ourselves to the glorious cause of human freedom, universal peace, job security, prosperity, and happiness is determined that the great Earl Browder stand aside for the American people."

FRANCIS BROWN SPEAKS

Maudie White, outstanding Negro woman Communist, spoke on Frederick Douglass and the Negro people's role in today. She said of Douglass:

"He symbolized what the Negro people have achieved in spite of 250 years of slavery, handicaps, and tribulations and what they will accomplish once they obtain real freedom and equality."

Frank Costare, secretary of the Young Communist League, spoke of youth's demand to stay at peace and presented a fighting program to achieve that end.

A collection was taken from the audience of \$1,400.

Says He Backed Labor in Opposing Dies

Congressman Who Voted 'No' Says He Sided with Trade Unions

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—Rep. Thomas E. Scanlon declared today that he had voted against continuation of the Dies Committee because "organized labor was opposed" to the Committee's activities.

Congressman Scanlon, Democrat and representative from Pittsburgh's Northside, is a member of the Communists' Union and has long been a leader in American Federation of Labor circles

MORE WIRES PROTEST THE BRUTAL SENTENCE BY THE U. S. SUPREME COURT AGAINST EARL BROWDER

The Daily Worker prints today more of the telegrams received yesterday protesting the Supreme Court's decision of Monday to send Earl Browder to jail for four years. No sooner had the news flashed over the nation on Monday than wires began pouring into the offices of the National Committee of the Communist Party. Yesterday's Daily Worker printed some of the first wires to arrive—wires from all four corners of the country. Printed below are more of the wires to Browder:

NEW YORK CITY

Earl Browder:

The Supreme Court action is a vicious attempt to head off the movement of the American people for peace, freedom and a Socialist America. We workers in New York City—whom you have led and inspired in this tremendous struggle—will answer this outrageous act of vengeance on you by intensifying our efforts to build the Party and press and throw all our energies into the fight against the imperialist war and for your freedom.

Executive Committee
Industrial Section, Communist
Party

Earl Browder:

American bourgeoisie have unanimously convicted you on trumped up charges. America's youth recognize action as part of drive to dictatorship and full war participation.

We pledge tireless effort for your complete freedom and 15 new recruits by March first to make more effective our fight.

Crown Heights Division,
Young Communist League.

BROOKLYN

Earl Browder:
We 500 people assembled in Benson Mansion protest the barbaric and inhuman decision of Wall Street lawyers of the Supreme Court. Dear Comrade Browder, we pledge to build your Party and our Party in living testimony to your unquenchable voice.

Peter V. Cacchione,
Albert Stone

Executive Board Branch 5, 21 AD Kings determined to expose your conviction as drive by administration to hainten our country into war. We pledge to answer this attack upon you and our Party by recruiting five new members by May first and by building the Party press. Comradely greetings.

Executive Board,
1112 Flatbush Avenue.

Earl Browder:
Your imprisonment strikes at freedom of American people. We pledge untiring efforts to win your liberty and mobilize successful resistance to imperialist warmakers.

For the Section Committee, 18th Assembly District, Kings.

Robert Ross,
Section Organizer.

Earl Browder:
Abhor Supreme Court decision will redouble our efforts in the press and Party-building drive in order to keep America out of war and strengthen the fight for your release.

Kensington Branch,
21st AD, Kings County.

Earl Browder:
We members of YCL in Negro community of Bedford-Stuyvesant condemn the frameup against you by the Jim Crow war makers. In the midst of celebrating the anniversaries of Lincoln and Douglass we are reminded of the words of Douglass, "Without struggle there can be no progress." We Negro and white young workers will never rest until you, our beloved leader, are set free. We pledge to carry tenfold the struggle for progress in which you have given, the people such able leadership.

Bedford-Stuyvesant Division,
Young Communist League.

BUFFALO
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18th.
Earl Browder, 35 E. 12th St.,
New York City.

Your conviction by the court is a blow aimed at the well-being and lives of American youth. It is part of Roosevelt war dictatorship drive. The Young Communist League pledges to carry on an unrelenting struggle for your freedom and against the Wall Street war drive.

Young Communist League.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18th.
Earl Browder, 35 E. 12th St.,
New York City.

Your conviction by war-inspired capitalist courts constitutes a major blow against the peace-

loving masses of America. The Erie County Committee of the Communist Party pledges to redouble its efforts to build the Party, mobilize the masses in the struggle for peace and to secure your freedom.

Erie County Communist Party,
Frank Herron, Secy. 2.

CHICAGO

Earl Browder, 35 E. 12th St.,
New York City.

Supreme Court's action upholding the verdict against you, occurring at height of drive to rush enactment of H. R. 1776, stands as a final warning to the American people of the administration's efforts to plunge this country into the spreading slaughter and blot out what is left of the Bill of Rights. Your fearless and brilliant leadership in the fight to have our country get out and stay out of the imperialist war and against Roosevelt's war and fascist policies makes the struggle for your release an inseparable part of all our work. We pledge our utmost efforts for your release and in all our work to building the Party and Daily Worker as the best instrument in the fight against the war and fascism.

Ill. State Committee, C. P.

Earl Browder, 35 E. 12th St.,
New York City.

Condemn Supreme Court decision upholding sentence. Your fight for peace of America continuation of best American revolutionary tradition. Pledge to free America's staunchest revolution-ary leader.

Students American History,
Chicago Workers School.

Earl Browder:

With deepest loyalty to you and our Party we pledge renewed effort in behalf of struggle against your conviction and all other manifestations of imperialist war. Rest assured we shall guarantee victory by rooting Party and press among masses, by rapidly building Party membership and influence. Long live Comrade Browder and the Party of Socialism.

Lower West Side Section,
Communist Party,
Chicago.

Earl Browder:

We will not rest until you are free.

Section Committee,
8th Congressional District,
(Chicago), C. P.

Earl Browder:

We greet your heroic struggle at head of American working class and pledge ourselves to carry forward your teachings toward peace, democracy and socialism.

Students, Fundamental
Principles, Chicago Workers
School.

Earl Browder:

Endorse your fight for true Americanism and against imperialist war. Your voice cannot be silenced and your will will continue. Student,

Workers School, Chicago.

Earl Browder:

We are definitely and solidly behind you, the leader of the working class, against the imperialist war.

Students, Political Economy,
Chicago Workers School.

Earl Browder:

Express our sympathy to you. Will carry on struggle for your freedom and achieve success despite all efforts of the war mad reactionaries.

Cicero Section,
Illinois Communist Party.

NEW JERSEY

Newark, N. J.

Earl Browder:

Conviction clearest indication intent and greatest single step taken by bourgeoisie to plunge United States totally into imperialist war. Unveil sham of bourgeois democracy rapidly assuming naked countenance terroristic dictatorship. Salute you in full understanding that imprisonment due to your great contribution to cause of human freedom.

Party will now rally more solidly around Marxist-Leninist banner of Central Committee and you, our beloved leader. Pledge that this hideous crime of Roosevelt administration and American imperialism shall not go unchallenged and to mobilize working class and people for your freedom.

Communist Party, New Jersey,
Bill Norman, Secretary.

Rutherford, N. J.

Earl Browder:

Your effective and exemplary leadership in mobilizing the American people against the imperialist war is the reason why the war



At Time of Conviction: workers of the 14th Congressional District of Manhattan as he entered Stuyvesant Hall to address them on election night.

Feb. 6, 1940, when he ran for Congress in the special elections in that district last year. Browder, who had been on trial and convicted during this campaign period, conducted his campaign while fighting the court case.

mongers fear you and what you represent. We pledge our untiring effort for your freedom and to continue the struggle to keep America free and at peace.

H. MANN, Secretary,
Communist Party,
Bergen County, N. J.

State Committee, Massachusetts
Communist Party.

OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma City,
Feb. 18.

Earl Browder:

Oklahoma's progressive thousands join us in sharpest condemnation of Supreme Court. Roosevelt administration stands convicted of historic crime against toiling humanity in railroading you, staunchest fighter against imperialist war. We stand at your side, resolved to intensify hundred fold the struggle against war and privation. We are confident Americans in increasing millions will join us in thundering protest against this latest barbary committed by degenerate capitalism & its drive to fascism and war.

ROBERT WOOD,
For State Committee,
Communist Party of Oklahoma.

MISSOURI
St. Louis.

Earl Browder:

In meeting assembled with Mother Bloor all unite in reaffirming devotion to you and faith in our cause and your leadership. We pledge to answer this outrageous attempt to head off the great and growing movement of the workers and farmers of America for peace and socialism and forward-looking people everywhere.

That wisdom, courage and untiring loyalty characteristic of you will be continued in the persons of Foster and Ford and our National Committee. We will continue to take your case to the people together with the cause of socialism.

BILL THATCHER.

BOSTON

Boston, Mass.

Earl Browder:

The Supreme Court decision in your case is a blow to labor and the American people by the Roosevelt-Wall Street war makers. They aim to stifle and silence the growing movement of labor for peace and security. The crime of the imperialist war makers against Mooney, Debs and yourself in the last war aroused hundreds of thousands in the strug-

gle for peace and freedom. The conspiracy of the Roosevelt Administration against you will arouse millions for a more determined struggle for peace and to secure your freedom. We pledge the loyal support of the Party and of the workers of Western Pennsylvania.

HENRY FORBES,
District Secretary.

MICHIGAN
Detroit.

Earl Browder:

The Roosevelt administration clearly responsible for vicious sentence against you and Weiner. We pledge to redouble our efforts to keep you and Weiner free from the clutches of the enemy, to bring your teachings and leadership to working people as our answer to this savage verdict. The people will uphold you and not the war-mongers who work to drive America deeper into the imperialist war.

ELMER JOHNSON.

WEST VIRGINIA

Earl Browder:

Saddened but with strong heart the West Virginia Communist Party receives the report of the Supreme Court's action on the film reaction-created charge against you. We declare that we understand this. And before long this understanding will become the property of the workers and forward-looking people everywhere.

That wisdom, courage and untiring loyalty characteristic of you will be continued in the persons of Foster and Ford and our National Committee. We will continue to take your case to the people together with the cause of socialism.

BILL THATCHER.

PITTSBURGH

Earl Browder:

Upon hearing the outrageous action of the black-robed representatives of Wall Street in wreaking vengeance on the outstanding leader of the American peace loving people, we see in this decision the fiendish reincarnation of all the bloody plans of American imperialism. This decision is part of the scheme to silence the voice of the masses lead by the Communist Party against the imperialist war.

American history teaches us that this action of the ruling class is a sign of weakness and not strength. We admire your courage and determination that set an example to all of us and we pledge ourselves to carry the people's voice forward to its logical conclusion to victory over imperialist war and reaction.

A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

NEW YORK

Earl Browder:

No court can outlaw or imprison the will to fight for peace and freedom. Class your case is the trial of Dred Scott decision. A Jim Crow war for slavery and empire demand end to liberties. Court attack on you part of plans making Jim Crow official and enforce disfranchisement and national oppression through war dictatorship. Section leadership meeting after decision pledge redoubled activity mobilize people of Harlem in protest build Party and press as people's bulwark. In prison you shall stand out as tower of strength for our Party and American people. Negro and white. Decrepit judicial gnats

flying in the face of history are temporary annoyance. Similar creatures tried and hanged John Brown, shot Lincoln. Triumphant spirit of these men marches with you and us for victory abolition of imperialist war and plun-

der.

A. W. Berry, Executive Secy.
Upper Harlem Section C.P.

CANTON, OHIO

Earl Browder,
Dear Comrade:

Canton's Communist Party along with many steel workers and friends, send you heartiest greetings of solidarity. We condemn the decisions of the Supreme Court, agents of the Roosevelt administration and Wall Street.

We declare that no poison words can stifle your voice—can take you away from the American toiling people—the workers and farmers—that you are leading in the struggle to get out and stay out of this war.

Your outstanding name and brilliant guidance will now, more than ever, become the instrument of Canton's workers to struggle against the imperialist war and the imperialist war-mongers.

Many workers in Canton recognize that this decision was not a mere passport violation, but as repetition of the famous Debs case, during the first imperialist war. And Canton workers have not forgotten the fight made by Debs, like yourself, against that war.

The Communist Party is more determined than ever that your voice will continue to be heard in Canton. The Communist Party, which you have given so much steel and confidence, wholeheartedly pledges that Earl Browder will speak to every steel worker, and that the steel workers of Canton, along with the toiling people of the world, will not permit the imperialists to hold you four years in prison. The people will put an end to this war and its makers very soon.

Again, we tender our greetings and love. Salut!

R. A. Reesmyer,
Stark County Secy. C.P.

VIRGINIA

Earl Browder:

We makers fear your brilliant leadership of American people in urgent desire for peace and continual struggle for the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Supreme Court tried by ruling class to stifle the thundering roar against the Roosevelt-Wall Street war machine. Neither war dictatorship nor tyranny will bury the revolutionary tradition of Americans. Your wonderful personality and inspiring work illuminates the road to peace and freedom for the toiled, ill-housed, ill-clothed Negro and white of our land. No matter what difficulties we will carry on and win for we are the people.

Alice Burke,
Virginia State Comm.

CLEVELAND

The action of the Supreme Court in demanding that you go to prison is an act of Wall Street and Washington to silence the voice of the American people opposing the brutal war drive of American imperialism. Your courageous clear fight for the interest of the people must and will be carried by greater masses. The act of Wall Street against you must be turned into an insur-

their political stooges in Washington hope to muzzle the voice of the Communist Party and throw fear into the hearts of all progressive peace-loving Americans.

"Let the American bourgeoisie take heed! No terror can quell the deepest desires of the American people! No imprisonment can halt the forward march of the American Communist Party as the leader in the struggle for the will of the people!

"Just as Thaelmann embodies the struggle of all German people against Nazism; just as Prestes embodies the struggle of all Latin-Americans against colonial subjugation, so today Earl Browder becomes the embodiment of our struggle against American imperialism, war and fascism."

"Up from the fields and workshops, from the docks and ships—let the cry ring out: FREE EARL BROWDER!"

"Up from the trade unions, from all peace and fraternal organizations—let the demand be raised: FREE EARL BROWDER!"

"Up from the villages, towns and cities, from the entire nation—let the imperialist warmakers hear: FREE EARL BROWDER!"

"The people want Earl Browder free—and the people will have their way! The people want Earl Browder free—and in his own words: The fight is just begun. To the people belongs the victory!"

"In the struggle to free Earl Browder

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War Cries

In the Senate

- Who is supposed to be fighting the war-dictator Bill in Congress anyway?

Aside from the lone voice of Congressman Marcauton of New York City, the latest debates in Congress reveal the grim "national unity" upon which the various representatives of the capitalist class have already agreed.

It is "war unity." No one dares to get up and tell the full truth about the Bill and the war which is raging in Europe. No one dares to tell the full truth about the imperialist origins of this war, and the way to keep America out of it.

What has become of the "short-of-war" argument by which they tried to hide the conquest schemes of HR 1776?

It has been dropped. Now they yell just plain "WAR!" The yell comes from all sides, from so-called "liberals," from the so-called "New Dealers," from the Democrat and Republican leaders with equal vehemence.

The distinction between the war-mongers and the "opposition" becomes smaller all the time. One side hollers for "all-out aid"; the other side retorts by proposing merely a "five billion dollar loan." Both sides accept the imperialist, aggressive, plans of U. S. imperialism. Both sides want America to grab colonies for exploitation in the name of "democracy."

The war cries which resounded in the Senate yesterday from Republican and Roosevelt spokesmen should awaken the nation as to where it is being taken. The most vigorous protests should go to Congressmen and Senators demanding a "No" vote on HR 1776, the bill which takes America deeper into the war.

The band-wagon for war in Congress proves to Labor the need for an independent Farmer-Labor party.

For the people as a whole, the war cries in the Senate prove that the people's peace movement needs to intensify its demand for our country to get out and stay out of the war.

Striking at Democracy In Education

- In moving for the expulsion of Teachers Union Local 5 and two other locals under the fire of the war-dictatorship advocates, the Counts clique in the American Federation of Teachers has lent a further hand to the undermining of all unionism.

The two New York locals which have been put under the executive council ban are the unions whose lists have been demanded by the Rapp-Coudert inquisition. It is a well-recognized fact, embedded in labor history, that the governmental seizure of union lists is a direct move to destroy the unions. It constitutes the beginning of "an open season" for blacklisting.

Furthermore, it is now as clear as day from the maneuvers of the counsel for the Rapp-Coudert committee, that the objective of this "investigation" is the squeezing down of the funds allotted for educational purposes.

The Counts clique, in striking at the three local unions from the rear, is thus doing all in its power to deliver the educational system over to the prey of those who count on making it an appendage to their campaign of war hysteria.

The charge upon which the locals are up for expulsion is a sardonic one indeed. They are charged with activities "detrimental to the development of democracy in education."

This is a provision in the union constitution, inserted out of its progressive origins and designed to prevent the insinuation into the union ranks of such advocates of war terror as the Counts clique are today. It is precisely in aid of the destruction of democracy at which this clique is now laboring.

What is the "offense" of the New York Teachers Union and the two other locals? That they have fought for democracy in education, that they have maintained the democratic rights of the teachers, that they have opposed cuts in the school budget. That is why the two New York locals are under fire from the Rapp-Coudert committee.

This case is not merely a matter of concern for the organized teachers. Precedents are being established which will be employed to demolish all unions. The danger that union lists can be surrendered at the

behest of governmental agencies, unless it is successfully challenged, will open up all unions to persecution.

It is the obligation of union labor, particularly in New York State, to get busy in support of the union teachers, to oppose any discrimination against them, to rally to the prevention of further demands for union lists.

Not Pulling Chestnuts Out of the Fire

In the grabbing and counter-grabbing that is going on in the Balkans and the Near East, one thing stands forth with crystal clarity—the Soviet Union maintains its peace policy and its neutrality.

It is not pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for anybody.

This seems to be the main complaint of the New York Times. In its editorial comments in the latest Balkan developments, the Times bewails the fact that these events "may be taken to indicate that Soviet Russia has once again withheld any promise of support."

Behind these vague phrases and accusations, the Times is merely expressing the chagrin which animates the breasts of the imperialists everywhere. They simply cannot understand why the Soviet Union doesn't stick its hands into their war flames; they can't grasp the fact that the Soviet Union is wise to their tricks, and refuses to get trapped into either side of the Anglo-American-Axis imperialist rivalry.

This calm refusal of the Soviet Union to get trapped—a refusal which is backed up by the formidable power of the Socialist state and its Red Army—the backs of the capitalist press call the "enigma" of Soviet policy.

But the real enigma, the real mystery, is in trying to discover what conceivable benefit the peoples of the world can get from the slaughter taking place on both sides?

The Soviet Union proves how a nation can stay out of the war as the rival imperialist governments spread their war far and wide. This is what the American people admire and study in the actions of the Soviet Union.

Not Easily Daunted

- Humanitarians are not easily daunted.

Despite the action of the British government in blacklisting the S.S. Lovcen, mercy ship chartered to transport Spanish refugees to Mexico, \$75,000 has just been pledged to the American Rescue Ship Mission by Latin-American organizations. At the same time, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have visited the British Embassy in Washington requesting that the blacklist decision be reconsidered.

The action of the British government is of a piece with the entire London (and Washington) policy with regard to Spain. When Hitler and Mussolini were pouring in munitions and men to destroy the Loyalist government, London led in preventing arms and ships from reaching the Loyalists.

Now having helped deliver Loyalist Spain into the hands of Franco, the British government is determined that none of his victims shall escape from his clutches.

Dove-tailing with the British blacklisting of the S.S. Lovcen, was Mrs. Roosevelt's earlier action in attacking the Rescue Ship Mission. London and Washington, it is evident, are still at the game of trying to come to terms with Franco and at the same time of strengthening the forces of reaction in Latin-America.

The Rescue Ship Mission's efforts to have the British blacklist decision reconsidered, should be backed up with appeals to the British representatives here from every American with humanitarian feelings. At the same time, the fund drive of the Mission should receive renewed support in this great work of relieving in some measure the suffering of the Spanish refugees.

A Queer Way to Love the English People

- Every one of President Roosevelt's envoys who comes back from England with a brief-case loaded with secret documents takes refuge in the same line of talk. They all "love the British people." Willkie was running all over with that line. Now comes Harry Hopkins.

We don't believe it. If they loved the British people, they would try to get them out of the hell they are now in. Instead of that, they go over with plans to get the British people deeper and deeper into the pit of war. Between the American and English people there has always been a strong bond of sympathy and friendship. But this bond has never embraced the greedy snobs of the British aristocrats in the government.

If Harry Hopkins and his class loved the British people they would not be remorseless enemies of the People's Convention with its program of protection for Labor, effective air-raid shelters, conscription of wealth, a people's Government fighting for an end of the war and the imperialist system which breeds war.

It is a queer "love" for the British people which rivets their chains of the imperialist system around their necks and drives them into more slaughter. Real love for the British people is proved by support for their People's Convention, the voice of the real England, not the England of bankers and landlords.

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CONSTANT READER



Readers of 'New Masses' Celebrate the Anniversary Of Their Own Magazine

By SENDER GARLIN

CAN one imagine Liberty, Colliers or the Saturday Evening Post being honored by 4,500 readers at an anniversary celebration?

Well, the New Masses has held two significant meetings within the past seven weeks: one in honor of the memory of John Reed, a leading spirit of the old Masses; the second last Sunday in celebration of the 30th birthday anniversary of the New Masses.

The meeting at Manhattan Center last Sunday was a unique event. For it revealed once again that while there are millions of Americans who have established the journalistic drug-habit of reading magazines which are two parts advertising and one part distilled poison, it cannot be said that they love these publications. But that the thousands who crowded Manhattan Center on Sunday to celebrate the thirtieth birthday of the New Masses love that "great American institution," as Dr. Harry F. Ward said in a glowing, eloquent speech, there can be no doubt.

This land is covered with the bleached bones of radical publications. But the memory of their achievement remains in the consciousness of those whose spirits were once touched by them. There was the International Socialist Review, a fine proletarian magazine, which included writers like Eugene V. Debs, William D. Haywood, Harrison George and Alexander Trachtenberg. I recently encountered an issue of the summer of 1913. In it I found a vivid, fighting article by William Z. Foster on a convention of the Iron Molders Union. The article was illustrated with a picture of a group of delegates, in the center of which was a man who at the time was known only in left-wing labor circles. It was the picture of Tom Mooney which struck my notice. In another issue was the story of Joe Hill's imminent execution and an appeal to the workers of America to save the life of this brave organizer and poet.

Then, too, there was the old Appeal to Reason which sometimes got out special editions of 3,000,000 on issues which stirred the entire nation. It was in the Appeal to Reason that Debs published some of his greatest articles, and in which Upton Sinclair's early work first appeared. Jack London was a frequent contributor. This was a great old "Appeal," with all its reformist confusions along with its militancy until the editors, during the last war, trimmed their sails by changing the name to "The New Appeal" and claimed exemption from draft service on the ground that the paper was needed to "strengthen the war effort" on behalf of the crusade to make the world safe for democracy.

With magazines like the International Socialist Review I became acquainted retroactively, so to speak, after they had gone out of existence and when the bound copies gave one at a glance the color and atmosphere of the revolutionary movement of the time. But the Masses is something I remember reading ever since 1916, the year incidentally, in which Mike Gold's impassioned poems, sketches and reviews began to appear.

The U. S. Government placed the Masses editors on trial under the Espionage Act. The first trial ended in a disagreement (I believe that's when Art Young contemptuously fell asleep in the courtroom) and in the second trial Max Eastman, one of the defendants, assured the judge and jury that his views of the war had changed and called attention to the fact that when the band in City Hall Park had played the Star-Spangled Banner he had stood up and "said because I knew the boys over there were dying for democracy with smiles on their lips," etc.

The Masses was succeeded by the Liberator and the Liberator in turn by the New Masses which became a weekly in 1934. During these seven years the New Masses has carried on the "great tradition," enriching that tradition with contributions from the pen and brush of some of America's ablest writers and artists.

At the meeting on Sunday Dr. Harry F. Ward, in a speech memorable for its clarity and eloquence, said that he does not always agree with the New Masses, but added that such disagreement calls forth the best in the reader, "for one must bite his teeth into something real and vital." But disagreeing with the "liberal" publications like The Nation and the New Republic was a "naufraguing experience" because, as Dr. Ward put it, they have betrayed every liberal principle which they once claimed to represent.

Dr. Ward's characterization of the "liberal" weeklies finds justification in every issue of these publications, for they out-war the warmakers and are constantly bringing reinforcements to the hollow ideological arsenal of a dying class.

In the 30th Anniversary of the New Masses the editors have synthesized the best and most representative of the founders and their continuators. "Distinguished" was the way in which Earl Browder characterized this anniversary issue at the Manhattan Center meeting last Sunday. In this issue one finds represented names which glow with meaning: John Reed, Bob Minor, Art Young, Romain Rolland, Charles Erskine Scott Wood, Bill Gropper, Mike Gold and Henri Barbusse. In the section entitled, "Looking Back" the editors have gathered the distillation of some of the best work of these writers and artists. In the treatment of current issues the editors have marshalled their best talents, and one finds trenchant articles by Theodore Dreiser, D. N. Prift, Max Yergan, A. R. Magill and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and an eloquent salutation to the readers by Joseph North on behalf of New Masses editors. In Earl Browder's article "The American Spirit," a devastating critique of the Roosevelt war dictatorship regime, the Communist leader reminds the President of a few facts about our country's history:

Hail 30 years of the New Masses! Hail "a great American institution!"

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The Gland That's Master Of Them All

A very common chemical compound in nature is cholesterol. If there were a microscope powerful enough to show its structure, one would observe that it consists mainly of atoms formed into four rings which are attached to each other.

The most important hormones in the human body all consist of this same "four-ring" structure, except that each has a few different atoms attached to the rings.

During an operation, a surgeon

is forced to cut out a boy's testicles and he becomes a eunuch. Because he has no more male sex hormone, which had been produced by the testicles, he doesn't develop the so-called secondary sex characteristics as he grows up. These are a deepening of the voice, a beard, interest in girls, muscular strength, a manly figure, and others.

To cure his condition, the doctor furnishes the missing male sex hormone by injecting under his skin the same substance manufactured artificially. Thereupon the young man develops most of the secondary sex characteristics which had been lacking and becomes a real man again.

This male sex hormone is none other than the four connected rings with a few atoms attached in certain positions. The chemist can take the male sex hormone, and change it into the female sex hormone simply by taking away four atoms from one position and adding a single tiny atom to another position. And this hormone can also work wonders in the human body.

However, those few insignificant changes in the structure of the substance bring about enormous differences in its effect on the body. For now, upon injection in certain cases, this marvelous hormone develops womanly characteristics in the patient. In undersexed women, injection of the female sex hormone usually causes development of the breasts and the female curves, increases their desire to have children, increases their sex desire, and reduces any abnormal hair that they may have on their bodies.

By injecting male sex hormone into pregnant animals, some research workers have brought about abortions. Yet doctors can prevent abortion in many cases by injecting a very similar substance, progesterone. This is a male sex hormone with four minor atoms added on to the rings in one position. Progesterone is produced in the women's bodies by the ovaries.

Another hormone that has the same four rings is the life-saving hormone of another gland, the adrenal. People without this hormone die within a short time unless they are treated by artificial substitution with the substance.

Sender Garlin Lectures On Anti-Soviet Scribes At Book Club Tonight

"Poison Pens Against the USSR" will be the subject of a talk which Sender Garlin, Daily Worker columnist, will deliver tonight at Mt. Eden Jewish Center, 16 W. Mt. Eden Ave., for the benefit of the Bronx County members of the University Heights Book Club. He will discuss and refute the writings of Jan Valtin, "General Krivitsky," Frieda Utley and Eugene Lyons and others of the anti-Soviet contingent.

This lecture is the fifth in a series of discussions on current books and plays by the University Heights Book and Play Club.

BEETHOVEN AT IRVING PLACE

Two fine films, "The Children of Maxim Gorky" and "The Life and Loves of Beethoven" is now playing through Thursday at the Irving Place Theatre, Irving Place near 14th St. Coming Friday, "The Mannequin Line."

In Concert

 Sergei Rachmaninoff will play his own Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini with the Philharmonic-Symphony on Thursday evening, Feb. 27, and Friday afternoon, Feb. 28. John Barbirolli will conduct.

FROM A NEW EXHIBITION



The Portrait of Beethoven reproduced above is included in an exhibition of the work of Enrico Glicenstein, noted sculptor and oil painter, now being shown at the Kleeman Galleries on 57th Street.

Old Favorites On Program of Ballet Theatre

Rotation of principal dancers and special casting—in the time honored repertory style—features the second week of Ballet Theatre's engagement at the Majestic together with revivals of last season's favorites.

The William Saroyan—Eugene Loring ballet play, "The Great American Goof;" Dolin's ballet "Quintet;" Bolm's "Peter and the Wolf" and Antony Tudor's "Judgment of Paris" and "Dark Elegies" get their first performances of the current season during the coming week. But, in these, as in all the bills of the week, interest centers upon casting so rotated as to give ballerinas a chance to show the principal dancers in different roles.

Tuesday evening saw "Carnaval" with Lucia Chase as Columbine, Leon Danielian as Harlequin, Edward Caton as Pierrot, Miriam Golden as Estrella, Hugh Laing as Fiorello and Dimitri Romanoff as Euseblion and Nina Stroganova as Papillon. The new features of this performance were the first appearance of Fernando Alonso as Pantanal and Ballet Theatre's newest ballerina, Katharine Sergava as Chiarina.

Wednesday evening saw "Les Sylphides," Anthony Tudor's "Jardin aux Lilas" and "Quintet." Dolin's musicomedy-ballet, will be performed. The Thursday matinee offers Annabelle Lyon in "Giselle" and "Peter and the Wolf" with David Nilus in the role of Br'er Wolf. Thursday evening repeats "Oiselle" and "Peter and the Wolf" (with the same cast) but with "Judgment of Paris."

Friday evening's performance offers "Capricios" with the original cast, "Swan Lake" and for the first time, Tudor's "Dark Elegies." Marcelo Cauman will sing the "Kinder-totenlieder" of Gustav Mahler required for this number. Saturday matinee offers "Les Sylphides," "Peter and the Wolf," "Goyescas." The evening performance includes "Goyescas," Dolin's "Pas de Quatre," "Three Virgins and a Devil" and "Quintet," all with their original casts.

Youth Theatre
At Malin Studio

I dropped into the Main Studio last Saturday evening and saw one half of their latest revue in a series of three—"Ain't It the Truth?" Half of the evening was devoted to a social, with gay folk and ballroom dances. The studio was packed; scores of late-comers. Finally, after dancing, the show began on the little Main stage, without scenery or costumes, accompanied by a piano, enacted by youngsters who work five and one-half days a week.

Time passed, and those social democrats who hold offices in the garment industry influenced the Labor Stage to such a degree that it has literally withered away, or is to all appearances inactive. Their support of war moves them into direct alignment with the forces they were spoofing in 1938. There really isn't any place for their type of show today.

Out of the people the American Youth Theatre is rising. Audiences are searching for a show which will entertain; artists and writers, musicians, scenic artists are looking for work. Theatres are gaping wide for occupancy. If you want my opinion, the American Youth Theatre contains the germ of what may easily be the "Garrick Gaieties" of next season. Keep your eye on it. And don't miss "Ain't It the Truth?"

Cooper, director and accompanist, told me later that they are overwhelmed by the public demand. In other words, the American Youth Theatre has apparently struck the right chord for 1941. Packed halls greet its shows—for a several with new sketches and songs in rehearsal. Next Saturday evening, Feb. 21, it has engaged the little theatre of the Barbizon—Plaza Hotel for a full length revue. Among its plans are the production of a children's opera by Alex North. It is moving into Town Hall with concerts by the American Ballet Singers as well as a joint recital by two of its talented members—Emile Renan, baritone, and Lou Cooper, pianist.

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By Harold Helfer
(In the Birmingham, Ala. Post)

Place: Police Headquarters.

Time: Last Wednesday morning.

A small Negro boy, wearing a nondescript aviation skull cap, sits in a chair behind the counter. Desi Sergt. M. E. Wiseman explains he has been brought in for begging in the street.

The boy says his name is Perry Junior Baker, that he is 11, that he lives at 4233 Second Ave.

"He's telling a lie," says Desi Sergt. B. H. Eiland. "White people live there."

"What were you begging for?" asks a reporter.

"I have been trying to get some money to take out some shoes," the boy says.

"He ought to be made to show some respect," says Detective Henry Darnell.

Sergt. H. A. Stapp whacks the boy across the head from behind.

Tears sprang to the terrified boy's eyes. He smashes off his cap.

"You know what to do with boys that tell lies," says Commissioner Connor. "Wait until Officer Ballard gets here. He'll know who he is all right."

"Sure, I'll see if the alligator is ready," says Desi Sergt. Eiland.

"Boy, you're lying about your inner tube," says the boy. "But I didn't steal it. They turned me loose the same day. My father came and got me."

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"About what the shoes were trying to get?" says the reporter.

"I'm paying on some \$1.40 shoes," says the boy. "I've been trying to get enough money to get them out. I'm selling some bottles and rags and asking people for the money."

"Don't forget that—asking people for the money," says Commissioner Connor. "I told you Ballard would know who he was. He's been lying about his father too. First he said his name was dead, now he says he isn't."

"I'll tell you the truth about that, mister," says the boy. "He's out trying to find him a job—that's the truth."

"Come on, boy, I'm going to take you to Juvenile Court," says Officer Ballard.

"Please don't, mister, please don't do that, please, please," says the boy. "He's crying now."

Officer Ballard undoes the rubber band holding the boy's toy gun. It comes in two. He tosses the pieces down the hallway.

"Come on, boy," says Officer Ballard.

"The boy cries harder and harder. He moves down the hall, in his torn, lopsided shoes.

Commissioner Connor goes to the door and says, "I'll tell you who he is."

"It's me," says the boy.

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Joe Gordon Warns Against Counting Out Veteran Yankee Stars Too Soon

Second Sacker Sees Dicky, Crosetti, Rolfe Far from Washed Up—And Is Hardly Ready to Yield to Rookie Priddy Himself Either

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18 (UPI)—There is one group of baseball "old guards" who have no idea of dying, surrendering, or even falling back before the onrush of youngsters who want their jobs.

They are the veterans of the New York Yankees—such men as Dickey, Rolfe, Crosetti and Ruffing—men whose brilliance carried the club to four consecutive world championships before it "collapsed" to third place last year.

My authority for the valor of the Yankee veterans is Joe Gordon, who, while he is only 26 and has been with the Yanks but three years, is one of the veterans who will have to battle for jobs in spring training camp. En route to the Yankees camp in St. Petersburg, Joe stopped here long enough to talk a little baseball and play a little golf with me.

"We're going to have a red-hot spring workout, you can bet on that," Joe said. "Mr. Barrow and Joe McCarthy have brought in all the young talent from the minors, and it is going to be a free-for-all fight for positions. But don't sell us short until the kids prove they can beat us playing baseball. Take Dickey, for example. Bill got off wrong last year and never did get straightened out, but I'd bet you he'll catch a hundred games and bat over .300. And that Crosetti. I've been alongside him for three years, and he still is the best defensive shortstop in the American League. I roomed with Rolfe last year and I know what gave him a bad year. His tonsils were bad and they bothered his eyes. He used to get up in the morning and could scarcely see. He has had the tonsils out and he'll be all right. And when he's right, where you gonna get a better third baseman? Or one as good?"

Joe made it clear that he wasn't



JOE GORDON

knocking the youngsters who were coming up. I asked him about Jerry Priddy, the Kansas City flash who'll be gunning for Joe's second base job, and his sidekick, Phil Rizzuto, the shortstop.

"Great ball players. Both of them. I know Priddy well. I played on a team with him in Los Angeles in 1935, when he was still in high school and I was in U. S. C. He can do everything. He's a great fielder and a good, strong hitter who hits to all fields. I've played against Priddy and Rizzuto in three exhibition games. Rizzuto is red-hot. He's a little cuss, but he's strong and fast."

I asked Joe if he thought he could keep his job at second base.

"I won't swear I will, but I'm going to give it a full try. I have never gone to spring training in better shape. All I hope is that the weather will be decent. We had a terrible spring in Florida last year, and even if it sounds like an alibi, that is what cost us our fifth straight pennant. Every man on the club had Charley Horse for the first month of the season. We got off had and never could make it up."

Did he think the Yanks were a cinch this year?

"No. I don't. If we get our share of luck we should win because man for man we have the best team in the league. But it'll be close. Cleveland is bound to be tough, as what club wouldn't be with that Feller pitching for it. Give Boston a pitcher or two, and with that power it'll be tough to beat. Greenberg alone makes Detroit tough, and there's another club in the league that is going to surprise you. St. Louis. Yes, the Browns. I think they'll get in the first division."

THE SELECTIONS: NYU and St. Johns.

Line Ups, Numbers For Tonite's Games

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NYU Has Edge Over Rams Tonite

Vets Seen Back in Form Against Old Foes in Garden

NYU's veteran team will attempt to hit the comeback path tonight after their poor showing against Notre Dame when they take on Fordham's red hot sophomore team in the feature game of a Garden twin bill tonight. St. Joseph's of Philly, one of the better teams around, plays St. John's in the opener.

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1:30 OF SECOND ROUND



Gus Dorazio, fourteenth straight heavyweight to try unsuccessfully to take the title from Joe Louis, goes down and out in the second round in Philly. A perfectly timed right to the jaw did it.

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